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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Independence House Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the town of Barnstable, MA.

The funding would be used for the cost-effective construction of a 2700 square foot building for Independence House Inc. a resource, counseling, and advocacy center for victims /survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Hyannis, MA. The building is replacing a current building which lacks energy efficiency, is not up to building and fire codes for the 21st century; is not 100% ADA compliant; and lacks adequate space and privacy needs for counseling victims/survivors. This building will serve the needs of all domestic and sexual violence victims/survivors in Barnstable County. The building will provide increased safety and privacy and meet the demand for new and additional services Independence House, Inc. has experienced over the last 43 years and enhance the well-being of its dedicated staff.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

William R. Keating Member of Congress